

Reducing Public Risk to Radon Through Collaboration

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Indoor Environment Program works to reduce public risk to radon through working to increase radon awareness, testing, and mitigation. This present initiative is being developed in collaboration with state radon programs, their professional organization (the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.), and other professional organizations.

Key items that will be discussed include an overview of the radon risk (fact sheet on the 2003 risk assessment); how we work with a variety of partners and stakeholders to increase the effectiveness of state radon programs; how we increase the base of knowledge on radon variability, as well as testing and mitigation strategies, through targeted radon studies; how we achieve results through direct education and outreach to the general public; how we achieve results by leveraging real estate and radon-resistant new construction opportunities; our results to date; and the ongoing new studies of the World Health Organization Committee on Radon, as well as radon and moisture studies being conducted by Auburn University and the University of Minnesota.